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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in world agriculture and trade:

GRAIN AND FEED

PRODUCTION
CULTIVATION
CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

AUSTRALIAN plant quarantine regulations appear to be deterring possible Australian imports of U.S. wheat or feed grains. Plant quarantine authorities have laid down stringent guidelines for wheat and feed grain imports, which require costly processing at port and transport between ship and mill under quarantine supervision. Under these restrictions, wheat imports would be small given combined processing capacity totaling only 33,000-35,000 tons per month at major Australian ports.

Reports indicate that some applications for feed grain imports have been made, but when importers were advised of quarantine requirements, they decided not to proceed.

Another serious impediment to imports is the phytosanitary requirement that shipments be certified as completely free of prohibited weed seeds. Imports could be rejected on the basis of weed seed contamination. Therefore, unless the drought continues and importers become prepared to take greater risks or quarantine authorities modify regulations, imports in the immediate future are unlikely.

WEST GERMANY's 1982 hop crop is estimated at a record 38,500 tons, 14 percent above the poor 1981 crop. The 1982 hop area of 19,984 hectares was 4 percent above last year. Uncontracted hop prices this season have dropped to 1977/78 levels. However, about 75 percent of the 1982 crop is under a multi-year contract and the pressure to conclude new contracts is low.

OILSEEDS AND PRODUCTS

In the UNITED STATES, disappearance of soybeans during Sept. 1 - Oct. 7, 1982, amounted to 5.02 million tons--6.3 percent above the same period in 1981 and 1980. Furthermore, this season's U.S. soybean disappearance through October 7 is more than 15 percent above that during the same period in 1979/80, when the complete season soybean disappearance reached a record volume of 54.4 million tons. (U.S. soybean disappearance is based on weekly inspections for export, plus weekly crushings, as reported by the National Soybean Processors Association).

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Year	Sept. 1-Oct. 7			Sept. 1-Aug. 31	
	Exports Mil. MT	Crush Mil. MT	Total Mil. MT	Total Mil. MT	
1979/80	1.34	2.97	4.31	54.39	
1980/81	1.58	3.14	4.72	47.48	
1981/82	1.74	2.98	4.72	53.34	
1982/83	2.11	2.91	5.02	55.80	

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

MALAYSIA is expected to ban imports of fresh, chilled and frozen meat from cattle, buffalo, sheep and goats not slaughtered by Islamic rules (Halal), effective on or about Jan. 1, 1983. During the interim period, Malaysia's veterinary department may restrict import licenses to prevent excessive accumulation of non-Halal stocks. The veterinary department will continue to allow the import of non-Halal poultry products.

U.S. beef exports to Malaysia may gain significantly or disappear altogether, depending on whether U.S. beef packers can meet Moslem slaughter requirements and whether their Halal certificates would be approved by Malaysia. In 1981, Malaysia imported 586 tons of beef from the United States. Australia and New Zealand supplied almost all other imports, with 63,151 tons, and 7,784 tons, respectively.

TAIWAN has restricted the import of live animals and livestock products from Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah following recent outbreaks of vesicular stomatitis (VS) in those four states. Four additional states where outbreaks have recently occurred--Idaho, Montana, Nebraska and Wyoming,--are expected to be added to the list.

VS, which has occurred periodically in the United States since 1864, is not considered a serious animal disease. Animals generally recover without treatment or medication, although isolation is recommended. Approximately 400 cases of VS were reported in the United States during the first 9 months of 1982.

Three months of dry weather in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC have led to shortages in the fresh milk market. The problem has been compounded by processors who are reacting to the price control system for pasturized milk by producing more cheese and butter, which are not controlled. In a normal year, milk production is approximately 360,000 tons, of which about one-third is processed. Some imports of dry whole milk have been made to relieve the shortage somewhat.

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COTTON AND FIBERS

Production of soft fibers by the WORLD's major producers has been trending downward since the 1978/79 season. Combined output of jute and kenaf in India, Bangladesh and Thailand is expected to reach only 2.2 million tons in 1982/83, 11 percent below the 1981/82 volume. Production prospects in both India and Thailand were diminished by extremely dry weather that delayed the planting season for several weeks--a condition further exacerbated by the late onset of the monsoon. Low raw product prices and rising production costs continued to plague growers in all three countries. This accounts for the gradual decline in area (particularly in Bangladesh and Thailand), as each year additional hectares are shifted from jute or kenaf to more remunerative crops such as rice or cassava. Data for jute and kenaf are as follows:

	AREA			PRODUCTION		
	(1,000 hectares)			(1,000 tons)		
	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83
India	1,217.1	1,299.9	1,007.0	1,468.8	1,440.0	1,170.0
Bangladesh	634.9	571.4	570.0	896.8	842.8	840.0
Thailand	190.0	189.0	180.0	210.0	208.3	200.0
Total	2,042.0	2,060.3	1,757.0	2,575.6	2,491.1	2,210.0

1/ Forecast.

THAILAND's 1982 cotton crop will be significantly below the 1981 level, according to the U.S. agricultural attache in Bangkok. A shortage of moisture during the pre-planting period, coupled with growers' dissatisfaction with last season's prices, has reportedly lowered planted area to 110,000 hectares (down 27 percent) and production to 207,000 bales (down 33 percent).

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Selected International Prices

Item	: October 19, 1982		: Change from		: A year ago
			: previous week		
	\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT	\$ per MT	
ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/					
Wheat					
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.	194.00	5.28	-3.50		N.Q.
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%....	171.00	4.65	-1.00		194.00
U.S. No. 2 DHW/HW: 13.5%..	N.Q.	N.Q.	---		198.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.....	130.00	3.54	0		185.00
U.S. No. 3 H.A.D.....	172.50	4.69	+4.50		193.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum...	192.00	5.23	---		N.Q.
Feed grains:					
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn....	100.00	2.54	-6.50		128.50
U.S. No. 2 Sorghum 2/.....	N.Q.	N.Q.	---		144.00
Feed Barley 3/.....	N.Q.	N.Q.	---		142.50
Soybeans:					
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....	210.00	5.72	0		260.50
Brazil 47/48% SoyaPellets 4/	193.00	--	-1.00		N.Q.
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal.....	189.00	--	+2.00		229.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 5/					
Wheat.....	121.99	3.32	-.37		137.79
Barley.....	57.41	1.25	-3.67		88.64
Corn.....	79.13	2.01	0		96.85
Sorghum.....	80.25	3.64 6/	-.22		89.51
Broilers 7/.....	954.15	--	+69.00		968.26
EC IMPORT LEVIES					
Wheat 8/.....	115.90	3.15	+2.89		75.95
Barley.....	100.23	2.18	-.67		81.55
Corn.....	111.16	2.82	+3.85		99.10
Sorghum.....	98.80	2.51	-.60		84.70
Broilers 9/.....	285.00	--	-3.00		252.00
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 10/					
Common wheat(feed quality)	174.71	4.75	+.76		187.80
Bread wheat.....	192.93	5.25	+.63		217.80
Barley and all other feed grains.....	174.71	--	+.76		187.80
Broilers 11/.....	N.Q.	N.Q.	N.Q.		N.Q.
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)					
Wheat.....	76.70	2.09	+1.95		58.40
Wheat flour.....	93.76	--	0		71.82
Barley.....	67.35	1.47	+1.95		38.15
Broilers 9/.....	192.00	--	-2.00		147.00

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Optional delivery: Argentine Granifero sorghum. 3/ Optional delivery: Canadian feed barley. 4/ Optional delivery: Argentine. 5/ Based on selected major markets and adjusted to reflect farm prices more closely. 6/ Hundredweight (CWT). 7/ Nine-city average; wholesale weighted average. 8/ Durum has a special levy. 9/ EC category--70% whole chicken. 10/ Basically the intervention price is the EC farm price support, determined annually. 11/ Ex-plant price in West Germany for frozen whole chicken. N.Q.=Not quoted.

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